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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A Response was filed on February 23, 2004 in reply to the January 22, 2004 Office Action. However, according to a telephone conversation with Examiner Miller on August 31, 2004, the Examiner did not receive the Response.

Accordingly, a copy of the Response is submitted herewith, together with a copy of a PTO date-stamped postal receipt card showing that the PTO in fact received this Response on February 23, 2004.

It is noted that February 23, 2004 was a Monday, such that the filing of the Response on February 23, 2004 was a timely submission in reply to the restriction requirement mailed January 22, 2004 and setting a one-month period for response.

In view of this re-submission of the February 23, 2004 response, a full examination on the merits of this application is now respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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